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(C) Post delivered reftel demarche August 12 to representatives from Foreign Affairs Canada and International Trade Canada. They reiterated the GOC's standard points that they follow a policy of active engagement with Cuba and are working to improve the human rights situation in Cuba. They oppose the USG's extraterritorial actions, especially those related to Helms Burton. They are not happy that Canadian citizens are prevented from traveling to the U.S. However, Ventura expressed GOC appreciation that the USG has waived Title III again this year.

Note: The GOC had already heard of the fact that former minister Marc Lalonde is on the new list of names. They do not know of any of the other names that are on the most recent list. End Note.

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